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For: **Apparatus and Method of Surface
Treatment for Electrolytic and Electroless
Plating of Metals in Integrated Circuit
Manufacturing**

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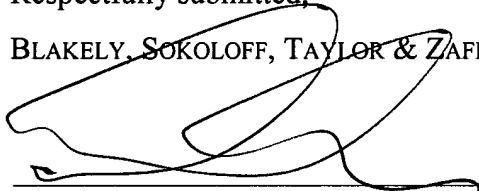
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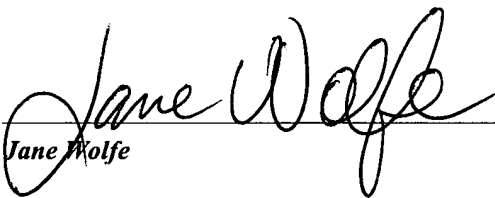
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